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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A drill pipe protector having a tubular sleeve that is
attached to a section of drill pipe and resides over the outer
diameter of the drill pipe while moving within an associated
well casing or well hole. The sleeve has low-friction end
pads positioned on the ends of the sleeve to reduce friction
10 between the ends of the sleeve and the end of an adjacent
thrust bearing collar used to hold the sleeve in place on the
drill pipe.

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